Foreign travel grant to scholars for international conferences

*294. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI:
SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many scholars have been given foreign travel grant for attending international conferences during the last two years;

(b) the details regarding names of scholars, their qualifactions and the titles of their papers; and

(c) how many of them are non-historians who have been granted travel grants?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) A number of scholars are given travel grant for attending international confereces by various Departments of the Government like Health, Agriculture, Science and Technology, Department of Bio-Technology, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, Space, Atomic Energy etc. Scholars also avail of facilities given by State governments. The Ministry of Human Resource Development does not maintain the foreign travel grant record of all such scholars centrally.

Minimum Support Price for crops

†*295. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of crops for which Minimum Support Price had been fixed during the last three years and the details of the above support prices;

(b) whether any categorization has been made for procuring agricultural-produce at Minimum Support Price; and

(c) if so, details thereof?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) A Statement showing the Minimum Support Prices (MSP) fixed for major agricultural commodities during the last three years is enclosed (*See* below).

(b) and (c) The MSPs are fixed for fair average quality (FAQ) of major agricultural commodities. At present, a total of 25 major agricultural commodities are covered under the scheme of MSP and procurement mechanism already exists for all these commodities. In case of fall in prices of these commodities below the MSPs, the nodal agencies designated for respective commodities are required to intervene in the market and undertake procurement at MSPs for FAQ. However, in exceptional cases, the FAQ standards are relaxed and the nodal agencies are permitted to procure at MSP for relaxed standards.

Statement

Minimum Support Prices
(According to Crop Year)

(Rs. per quintal)

S. No.	Commodity	Variety	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01
1.	Paddy	Common	440	490	510
		Fine	—	—	—
		Superfine	—	—	—
		Grade 'A'	470	520	540
2.	Coarse Cereals (Jowar, Bajra & Ragi)		390	415	445
3.	Maize		390	415	445
4.	Wheat		550	580	610
5.	Barley		385	430	500
6.	Gram		895	1015	1100
7.	Arhar		960	1105	1200
8.	Moong		960	1105	1200

(Rs. per quintal)

S. No.	Commodity	Variety	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01
9.	Urad		960	1105	1200
10.	Masur (lentil)		—	—	1200
11.	Sugarcane@		52.70	56.10	59.50
12.	Cotton	F-414/H-777	1440++	1575++	1625++
		H-4	1650	1775	1825
13.	Groundnut-in-shell		1040	1155	1220
14.	Jute		650	750	785
15.	Rapeseed/ Mustard		1000	1100	1200
16.	Sunflower Seed		1060	1155	1170
17.	Soybean	Black	705	755	775
		Yellow	795	845	865
18.	Safflower		990	1100	1200
19.	Toria		965	1065	1165
20.	Tobacco (VFC)	Black Soil	22.50	25.00	26.00
	(Rs. per kg.)	(F2 Gr)	25.50	27.00	28.00
		Light Soil (L2 Gr)			
21.	Copra	Milling	2900	3100	3250
	(Calender Year)	Ball	3125	3325	3500
22.	Sesamum		1060	1205	1300
23.	Nigerseed		850	915	1025

@Statutory Minimum Price linked to a basic recovery of 8.5 per cent with proportionate premium for every 0.1 per cent increase in recovery above that level.
++For J-34 variety also.

The MSP for masur (lentil) has been fixed from the crop year 2000-01.

Deemed University status for IIIT, Hyderabad

*296. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request has been received in the Ministry from the Andhra Pradesh Government requesting to accord deemed university status to the Indian Institute of Information Technology at Hyderabad;